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OF THE

DIRECTORS

OF THE

General Hospital Society of Conn.

PRESENTED AT THE ANNUAL MEETING,

MAY 13th, 1870.



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The General Hospital Society of Connecticut was incorporated in May, 1826. Immediately after, measures were taken to organize the Society, and to obtain funds for its use. Partly by aid from the State, and partly by private subscriptions in New Haven and other towns, a sufficient amount was raised to procure the land and buildings. An elevated location in the southwestern part of this city was selected, consisting of about seven and one half acres, and bounded on all sides by streets, so that it cannot be encroached upon by residences. It has been handsomely laid out, and adorned by shade-trees and shrubbery, a portion being cultivated to supply vegetables and fruit for the institution. A substantial stone building was erected in the center of the grounds, capable of accommodat-  
ing, in wards and private rooms, about seventy-five patients.

The Hospital was opened for the reception of patients in the summer of 1833. The number of admissions, although small at first, has steadily increased, so that, for the past two or three years more than two hundred and fifty have been received annually. Since the opening of the institution, nearly four thousand cases have been cared for, within its walls. Disease of almost every kind and grade has been treated, and surgical operations, the most severe, have been performed, and with such remarkable success, that its officers point, with pride, to the records of the Hospital.

The patients received in to the Hospital consist of the following classes:

1st. Sailors, whose support is provided for from the Seamen's Hospital Fund, under the direction of the Collector of the Port of New Haven.

2d. Persons who are able and willing to pay for their own support, and who resort to the Hospital on account of the superior accommodations which they can obtain at a moderate rate, or those from a distance, who visit it for the purpose of submitting to surgical operations and treatment. The amount charged to such is intended to be only sufficient to meet their necessary expenses.

3d. Those patients who are destitute and who are supported and treated gratuitously. To provide for this large class,



the annual appropriation by the State of \$2,000, a trifling allowance from towns, for their poor, and the scanty income of the Society from its little "Permanent Fund," are the only reliance. "The *poor* ye have always with you," and the number of this class received into the Hospital is only limited by the small pecuniary resource of the institution. With the increase of expenditure in supporting them, it is difficult to see how this rapidly increasing class of applicants can receive Hospital privileges without further aid from those who have the will and ability to do good to their fellow-men.

4th. Soldiers. Since the close of the war, many of this class, disabled by wounds and disease, have been received into the Hospital. Sympathy for these unfortunate heroes has induced our Legislature to make adequate provision for this class, while in the institution.

The physicians and surgeons in attendance receive no compensation, but freely give their services at all hours of the day or night.

It is believed that the practical advantages of the Hospital are appreciated by the benevolent who visit it, as well as by the unfortunate who partake of its benefits. It is in no sense a local charity, confined to a single town or county, but while its particular field is our whole State, "the stranger and sojourner" are not refused admittance. With the growth of our cities and towns, the demands upon an institution of this kind are constantly increasing. It is hoped that as in the past, it has by prudent management been enabled to afford relief to thousands of our suffering fellow-men, so in the future, its usefulness may be continued and enlarged to an extent proportionate with the increase of population in our State.

# REPORT

*To the General Hospital Society of Connecticut:*

GENTLEMEN:—The forty-third annual report is respectfully submitted.

A summary of the more important results of the past year will be found in the annexed tables.

## GENERAL STATISTICS.

	Males.	Females.	Total.
Remaining in Hospital, March 31, 1869,	27	4	31
Admitted during the year, . . . .	213	95	308
Total, . . . . .	240	99	339
Of this number there have been discharged, . . . . .			
Recovered, . . . . .	143	61	204
Improved, . . . . .	35	13	48
Removed, . . . . .	13	6	19
Died, . . . . .	23	10	33
	214	90	304
Remaining March 31, 1870, . . . .	26	9	35

Whole number of State Patients, . . . .	179	
“ “ “ Soldiers, . . . .	43	
“ “ “ Marine Patients, . . . .	46	
“ “ “ General Patients, . . . .	77	339



No. of weeks	State Patients were supported,	1,155
"	" Soldiers	" " 419 2-7
"	" Marine Patients	" " 156 1-7
"	" General Patients	" " 402

Whole No. of weeks patients were supported, 2,132 3-7

MONTHLY ADMISSIONS FROM APRIL 1, 1869, TO APRIL 1, 1870.

	Males.	Female	Total.		Males.	Female	Total.
April,	18	18	36	November,	14	6	20
May,	21	12	33	December,	16	8	24
June,	15	9	24	January,	12	6	18
July,	13	5	18	February,	16	2	18
August,	23	5	28	March,	16	8	24
September,	24	5	29				
October,	25	11	36	Total,	213	95	308

NATIVITIES.

United States,	141	Denmark,	2
Ireland,	124	Scotland,	3
England,	18	Nova Scotia,	2
Germany,	33	Austria,	1
France,	3	Prince Edward Island,	1
Canada,	5		
Sweden,	4	Total,	3 9
Poland,	2		

OCCUPATION.

Agents,	3	Dyer,	1	Mechanics,	42	Saloon keep-	
Barbers,	2	Editor,	1	Milliners,	4	ers,	3
B'd'ng house		Engineers,	2	Music Teach-		Sailors,	40
keepers,	3	Farmers,	2	er,	1	School teach-	
Bakers,	3	Factory op-		Opticians,	3	er,	1
Brewer,	1	eratives	6	Painters,	7	Student,	1
Carpenters,	5	Gardeners,	6	Physician,	1	Shoe mk'rs,	3
Corset mak-		Laborers,	50	Pedlars,	5	Tailors,	3
ers,	3	Laundresses	2	Piano mkrs,	2	Teamsters,	5
Cooks,	7	Merchants,	4	Painters,	2	Watchmen,	1
Cigar m'k'r,	1	Machinists,	8	Quarrymen,	1	No occupa-	
Domestics,	56	Mason,	1	Seamstress's	4	tion,	40
Dress mk'rs	3						

## CIVIL CONDITION.

Married, . . . . .	84
Single, . . . . .	209
Widowed, . . . . .	46

## AGES AT THE TIME OF ADMISSION.

	Males.	Females.	Total.
Under 15 years, . . . . .	3	4	7
From 15 to 20 years, . . . . .	10	11	21
“ 20 to 30 “ . . . . .	95	39	134
“ 30 to 40 “ . . . . .	49	22	71
“ 40 to 50 “ . . . . .	41	13	54
“ 50 to 60 “ . . . . .	20	3	23
“ 60 to 70 “ . . . . .	12	7	19
“ 70 to 80 “ . . . . .	3	6	9
“ 80 to 90 “ . . . . .	1		1
Total, . . . . .	234	105	339

## SURGICAL OPERATIONS.

Amputation of Thigh . . . . . 1	Removal of Inferior Maxilla . . . . . 1
“ Leg, . . . . . 2	“ Cataract . . . . . 1
“ Fore-arm . . . . . 2	“ Encephaloid Cancer . . . . . 1
“ at Knee joint . . . . . 1	Operation for Strang. Hernia . . . . . 1
“ Thumb and Finger . . . . . 2	“ Fistula in Ano . . . . . 1
“ Toes, . . . . . 1	Total number of Operations . . . . . 15
“ Neck of Uterus . . . . . 1	

Number of Births, . . . . . 14

Males, 10.

Females, 4.

## DISEASES.

## ZYMOTIC.

Typhoid Fever . . . . .	28	Primary Syphilis . . . . .	8
Intermittent Fever . . . . .	8	Constitutional do. . . . .	14
Relapsing " . . . . .	2	Gonorrhœa . . . . .	8
Erysipelas . . . . .	4	Structure of Urethra (Gon . . . . .	2
Dysentery. . . . .	5	Delirium Tremens . . . . .	6
Diphtheria . . . . .	1	Gangrene . . . . .	1
Diarrhœa . . . . .	2		
Varioloid . . . . .	1	Total . . . . .	90

## CONSTITUTIONAL.

Acute Rheumatism . . . . .	24	Phthisis . . . . .	14
Chronic " . . . . .	12	Scrofula . . . . .	1
Dropsy . . . . .	5		
Cancer (Enceph :). . . . .	3	Total . . . . .	60
Tumor . . . . .	1		

## DISEASES OF THE NERVOUS SYSTEM.

Apoplexy . . . . .	1	Neuralgia . . . . .	2
Epilepsy . . . . .	3	Paralysis . . . . .	9
Chorea . . . . .	1	Softening of the Brain . . . . .	1
Insanity . . . . .	6		
Puerperal Mania . . . . .	1	Total . . . . .	24

## DISEASES OF THE EYE.

Conjunctivitis . . . . .	3	Cataract . . . . .	1
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## DISEASES OF THE ORGAN OF CIRCULATION.

Phlebitis . . . . .	1	Diseases of the Heart . . . . .	2
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## DISEASE OF THE RESPIRATORY ORGANS.

Asthma . . . . .	1	Chronic Inflam. of Pleura . . . . .	1
Bronchitis . . . . .	5		
Inflam. of the Lungs . . . . .	5	Total . . . . .	12

## DISEASES OF THE DIGESTIVE ORGANS.

Dyspepsia . . . . .	1	Scrotal " . . . . .	2
Inflam. of the Stomach . . . . .	4	Fistula in Ano . . . . .	2
Piles . . . . .	2		
Inguinal Hernia . . . . .	1	Total . . . . .	12

## DISEASES OF URINARY AND GENITAL ORGANS.

Bright's Disease . . . . .	3	Ulceration of Os uteri . . . . .	2
Incontinence of Urine . . . . .	2	Menorrhagia . . . . .	1
Retention of do. . . . .	1	Spermatorrhœa . . . . .	1
Inversion of the Bladder . . . . .	1		—
Inflam. of Prostate gland . . . . .	1	Total . . . . .	14
“ of Uterus . . . . .	2		

## DISEASES OF THE BONES AND JOINTS.

Caries . . . . .	2	Disease of Hip Joint . . . . .	1
Necrosis . . . . .	2		—
Synovitis . . . . .	3	Total . . . . .	8

## DISEASES OF THE INTEGUMENTARY SYSTEM.

Boil . . . . .	1	Ulcers Indolent . . . . .	4
Whittlow . . . . .	3	Disease of the Skin . . . . .	1
Lepra . . . . .	1		—
Ulcers . . . . .	5	Total . . . . .	15

## WOUNDS, INJURIES AND ACCIDENTS.

Amputations . . . . .	9	Burns and Scalds, . . . . .	5
Injuries, . . . . .	15	Frostbite, . . . . .	1
Wounds, . . . . .	7	Lead Poisoning, . . . . .	2
Fractures, Simple, . . . . .	13		—
“ Compound, . . . . .	5	Total, . . . . .	57

## PUERPERAL STATE.

Convalescing from child birth, . . . . .	1
Pregnancy, . . . . .	15

## UNCERTAIN SEAT.

Debility, . . . . .	23
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## CAUSES OF DEATH.

Bright's Disease, . . . . .	2	Puerperal Mania, . . . . .	1
Cancer (Enceph), . . . . .	3	Pyemia, . . . . .	1
Cirrhosis of Liver, . . . . .	1	Paralysis, . . . . .	3
Chronic Disease of Bladder, . . . . .	1	Syphilis, Constitutional, . . . . .	1
Dysentery, . . . . .	2	Strangulated Hernia, . . . . .	1
Empyema, . . . . .	1	Tetanus, . . . . .	1
Fever, Typhoid, . . . . .	2	Valvular Disease of Heart, . . . . .	1

## CAUSES OF DEATH.—continued.

Gangrene (Dry), . . . . .	1	Railroad Injuries, . . . . .	2
Fracture of Skull, . . . . .	1	Injury from Boiler Explo-	
Pneumonia (Tpphoid), . . . . .	2	sion, . . . . .	1
Pericarditis, . . . . .	1		
Phthisis, . . . . .	4	Total, . . . . .	33

## RECEIPTS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING MARCH 31, 1870.

Balance of account, . . . . .	\$ 497.15
From State of Connecticut for support of Patients, . . . . .	2,350.96
“ United States for support of Seamen . . . . .	908.27
“ Town of New Haven for support of Patients, . . . . .	1,001.19
“ State of Connecticut “ Soldiers, . . . . .	2,575.72
“ Board of Patients, . . . . .	3,692.93
“ Sales of Fruit and Vegetables, . . . . .	137.40
“ Interest—Permanent Fund . . . . .	1,326.12
“ Life Membership . . . . .	25.00
“ Donation . . . . .	100.00
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	\$12,614.74

## DISBURSEMENTS.

Wages, Steward's salary and labor, . . . . .	\$2,550.50
Supplies, (Provisions, &c.) . . . . .	4,674.83
Medicines, . . . . .	371.87
Repairs, Furniture, and Crockery, . . . . .	1,326.02
Fuel, . . . . .	1,018.83
Gas, Oil, and Water, . . . . .	180.10
Barn expenses, . . . . .	192.68
Printing, Stationery, and Postage, . . . . .	169.20
Funeral Expenses, . . . . .	93.20
Improvements, Trees, Shrubby, and work on	
Grounds, . . . . .	299.37
Miscellaneous, . . . . .	170.88
Insurance, . . . . .	64.50
Cash refunded to Patients, . . . . .	84.00
“ Paid Yale Nat. Bank, . . . . .	500.00
Balance to new account, . . . . .	918.75
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	\$12,614.74



## PERMANENT FUND.

40 Shares Merchants Nat. Bank, New York—	
legacy of the late Hon. Dennis Kimberly,	\$ 2000.00
15 Shares Yale Nat. Bank Stock,	1,500.0
U. S. 6 per cent. Bonds, 1881,	2,000.00
U. S.     “     “     5-20,	2,000.00
Notes secured by mortgage of real estate,	12,000.00
Deposit and interest Connecticut Savings Bank,	424.00
“     “     National     “     “	424.00
“     “     Townsend     “     “	424.00
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Total	\$20,772.00

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The number of patients remaining in Hospital at the close of the last fiscal year, was thirty-one—admitted during the year, three hundred and eight, making the whole number under treatment three hundred and thirty-nine—a larger number than in any previous year since the opening of the Hospital. Two hundred and four have been discharged “recovered,”—forty-eight relieved, and thirty two have died. Of the latter, three were brought to the Hospital seriously injured and in a dying condition; eighteen were chronic cases, a majority of whom sought, in the Hospital, an asylum, where their ills might be alleviated and their passage to the grave made more comfortable.

Twenty-one surgical operations have been performed, with a reasonable degree of success.

The greatest number of patients on any day was forty-eight—the least number was twenty-four—the daily average, thirty-eight. Patients have been supported in Hospital twenty-one hundred and thirty two and three-seventh weeks; average continuance in Hospital, six weeks. Patients have been received from forty-nine different towns.

The average cost per week of the support of each patient, *not including rent of building or cost of extraordinary repairs*, has been five dollars and twenty-two cents.



Forty-three soldiers, honorably discharged from Connecticut regiments, have enjoyed the benefits of the Hospital during the past year. Thirty-two have been discharged; eleven remain under treatment.

The State appropriation has been expended with constant reference to its widest distribution. As in former years, a portion only of the cost of the support of each patient has been charged to this fund. Aid has been afforded to one hundred and sixty-two persons, at a cost to the State of two dollars and ten cents per week for each individual.

The contract with the United States Government for the support of sick and disabled seamen has been renewed on the usual terms.

Since our last annual meeting, the Society has lost by death two of its oldest members—Drs. N. B. Ives and Samuel Pun-derson. Dr. Ives was secretary from 1830 to 1835, and for many years an attending and consulting physician. Dr. Pun-derson was long a director and maintained his interest in the affairs of the Society until compelled by age and failing health to abandon all active pursuits.

The Steward and Matron, Mr. and Mrs. Colton, have been untiring in their exertions for the welfare of the Hospital and its inmates, and have managed the domestic affairs with great fidelity. Order and neatness have everywhere prevailed. Care in the purchase and use of supplies has been constantly observed, and a mild but strict discipline, so essential in all public institutions, has been maintained. All bills for current expenses have been promptly paid. There are now no out-standing claims against the Society.

Our thanks are due to the attending and consulting physicians and surgeons for their gratuitous services, so freely bestowed. Through their efforts we are enabled to point to a per centage of recoveries proportionally large, and to a death rate comparatively small.

We are also indebted to Rev. Mr. Andrews, of the Church of the Ascension, and to Rev. Prof. Hoppin, of Yale College, for religious services on the first and third Sabbaths of each month throughout the year.

The following donations, reported by the Steward, are here gratefully acknowledged :

## DONATIONS.

## BOOKS AND MAGAZINES.

Nelson Hall, Drs. E. H. Bishop, P. A. Jewett, George A. Ward and Edward Bulkley, Mrs. Peter Furguson, Mrs. W. S. Charnley, Mrs. W. A. Larned, Mrs. H. B. Harrison; Mr. Henry T. Blake, Harper's Weekly and Scientific American; Mrs. Maret, Boston papers; Mr. C. M. Loomis, Musical Journal, 1868-9, and exchanges; Daily Palladium free, and other city papers half-price; Mrs. Edward Peck, 14 books; a large collection of English magazines from T. R. Trowbridge, Jr.

## CLOTHING AND LINEN.

Mrs. W. S. Charnley, Mrs. Wright, Mrs. W. A. Larned, Miss Ann Law, Mrs. Dr. Nathan Adams, Mrs. Aaron N. Skinner, Mrs. Noah Porter, Miss Susan Osborn, Miss Clemens, Messrs. Mansfield & Kimberly, four boxes of old hats and caps; Mrs. Dr. E. H. Bishop, one counterpane; Ladies of Putnam, Conn.; Ladies' "Economical Council," New Haven, Conn., and a Friend.

## SUNDRY ARTICLES.

Mrs. Dr. F. Bacon, three bed-rests and enamelled cloth sufficient to cover all the tables and bedside stands in the Hospital; Messrs. Bowditch & Son, three bed-rests; Dr. Charles L. Ives, one electric battery; Dr. George A. Ward, two pictures framed and one large lounge; Mrs. Wm. W. Spencer, Prof. Daniel C. Gillman and C. H. Thompson, one water bed each, and C. H. Thompson one fracture rest.

## CASH.

Misses Gerry, \$100; Mrs. W. W. Boardman, \$20; Mrs. Maret, Mrs. W. A. Larned, Mrs. J. A. Bishop, Mr. Nathan Peck and Mr. Gifford, \$5 each for two wheel chairs; Col. S. E. Merwin and Mrs. W. W. Boardman, \$5 each, and Mr. S. V. Taft, \$9 towards purchasing a fracture bed; Dr. W. W. Rodman, \$5; H. T. Blake, \$10; and for general purposes from the following persons in Bridgeport: N. Wheeler, \$15; Mrs. Alfred Bishop, \$5; C. S. P. Jones, \$5; S. B. Beardsley,

\$5; Samuel Titus, \$5; D. S. Hollister, \$5; Mrs Ira Sherman, \$5; Capt. J. M. Brooks, \$5; Paul O. Hurd, \$5; T. P. Chapman, \$5; J. H. Bloodgood, \$5; J. C. Loomis, \$5; I. Warford, \$5; E. Marsh, \$5; L. B. Sterling, \$5; Mrs. T. Hawley, \$2; Mrs. Sanford, \$1; G. Thompson, \$3; Marson Hawley, \$2; S. J. Patterson, \$2; Mrs Hawley, \$1; N. Beardsley, \$2; cash 75 cts.; cash 50 cts.

#### THANKSGIVING.

Messrs. Gloson Hall, J. A. Bishop, H. N. Whittelsey & Co., Dr. D. L. Daggett, Mrs. Gov. Dutton, and Dr. D. C. Leavenworth, one turkey each; Dr. F. L. Dibble, two turkeys; W. O. Armstrong, four chickens; C. B. Whittlesey, two chickens; a Friend, one chicken; Mrs. Prof. Salisbury, one goose, one piece of cheese, and four quarts of cranberries; Mrs. Dr. F. Bacon, three dozen oranges and a half bushel sweet potatoes; Dr. Georgo B. Farnum, \$5; Mr. Henry T. Blake, \$5; Mrs. Wm. W. Spencer, \$5; Rev. Hugh Carmody, \$2.

#### CHRISTMAS.

Rev. E. J. O'Brien, Wm. C. DeForest, Judson & Brothers, and a Friend, one turkey each; Mrs. Dr. F Bacon, five dozen oranges; A. L. Swift, one jar of pears; Mrs Edward Peck, two jars of peaches; Messrs. Twitchell & Thompson, one loaf of cake; Henry Farnum, Esq., \$20; Dr. G. B. Farnum, \$5; a Friend in Birmingham, \$3.

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In this brief review of the events of the past year, we find abundant cause for gratitude to that kind Providence which has for many years watched over the interests of the Hospital. We have, it is true, no great deeds to report; no miracle has been performed; but the daily work of the Hospital has been done with a reasonable degree of success. The Hospital is, each year, becoming more widely known and better appreciated, and the prejudice against "going to a hospital" is fast disappearing. Yet, we have labored under very great disadvantages. The wards for male patients have been crowded to excess, requiring daily use of all our available space and



leaving no room for emergencies. The calls on our charity are constantly increasing; and had we the room and the means, the number of patients might be largely increased, and a corresponding amount of suffering relieved.

We make no apology for again calling the attention of the Society and of the community to the necessity of enlarged accommodation and of increased endowment. No city of equal population, wealth and intelligence, is so poorly supplied with hospital accommodation as New Haven. There is, within our limits, no place, other than the alms house, to which the poor and friendless sick can resort, "without money and without price." Our Society is doing all that is possible, but with a fund yielding only a few hundred dollars per year, it is necessary to make a charge to each patient, in order to meet the daily expense. Strict economy is practiced, and every care taken to reduce to the lowest limit, the cost and consequent charge, but we are compelled to leave undone much that we would gladly do. In the absence of any special appropriation, the town authorities do all that can be expected of them, and we would here acknowledge our obligations to the Town Agent, W. R. Shelton, Esq., for his cordial co-operation with us in our efforts to provide for the destitute sick. Still a large number are unprovided for, and your Prudential Committee are often forced to disregard the appeals for worthy applicants. Not only is more room and more money required—a reconstruction of the building now in use is imperatively demanded. The want of ventilation in the lower wards is painfully apparent to the most careless observer, and the crowded state of wards renders any attempt at classification and isolation of patients well nigh impossible. We need also a supply of modern hospital furniture and appliances. We have no operating table, and our surgical instruments, handed down to us from some remote period, are hardly worthy of the name. Our attending physicians labor with great courage and large faith, and their labor has been blessed with unlooked for success—but how long can we ask these gentlemen to make "brick without straw?"

The experience of the past year gives us no reason to reduce the estimate (\$50,000) suggested in our last annual report, as

necessary to place the Hospital in a state of real efficiency. Twenty thousand dollars were granted by the last General Assembly, "on condition that a like amount be raised by private subscription." A committee has this matter in charge, and liberal subscriptions have been made, but the amount does not yet reach the required sum.

Rejoicing in the work that has been accomplished, we trust that our fellow citizens will respond liberally to this call, and enable us to make the Hospital an honor and a blessing to this community.

By order of the Directors.

L. D. WILCOXSON,	} <i>Prudential Com.</i>
D. L. DAGGETT,	
W. S. CHARNLEY.	

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### ADMISSION OF PATIENTS.

Patients are admitted to the Hospital by a permit from the Chairman of the Prudential Committee, who arranges the price per week according to the circumstances of the patient and the accommodation and attendance required.

Patients who are able to pay in part for their support, are received at an agreed rate.

Persons destitute of friends or means are always received and provided for in various ways.

In case of accident, persons carried directly to the Hospital from the place of injury, are received without the certificates of the Chairman of the Prudential Committee.

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### HOSPITAL REGULATIONS.

The patients shall not leave the Hospital grounds without permission from the Steward, or a medical attendant, nor absent themselves longer than the time prescribed by such permission.

In exercising out of doors, patients will confine themselves to the graded walks, and not intrude upon the grass or cultivated grounds.

No fruit or vegetables shall be taken from the trees, vines or grounds, without permission of the Steward, and no injury done to the premises.

Spitting on the floors, and other practices inconsistent with neatness of the building and furniture, must be avoided, and a proper regard must be observed for cleanliness in and around the Hospital.

There shall be no loud talking, nor any profane, vulgar or obscene language, nor any unnecessary noise or disturbance in the building, or on the grounds of the Hospital; nor shall any insulting or abusive language or conduct be allowed, either towards other patients or the attendants.

No ardent spirits or other stimulating drinks shall be brought into the Hospital by patients or their friends; nor shall patients be furnished with fruits or any articles of food without the knowledge and permission of a medical attendant.

Visitors shall not be admitted to the rooms of patients without permission from the Steward or medical attendants. No dog or other domestic animal shall be kept on the premises, except under the direction of the Steward.

Any patient who has been discharged for disobedience or other reasons, shall not be allowed to come upon the Hospital premises without permission.

It shall be the duty of the Steward to enjoin a strict observance of the above regulations, and if occasion require, to procure the aid of the city police for the purpose.

All convalescents who are able, and who do not pay the regular charge of the Institution, shall assist generally in the police of their respective wards.











